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*The Laws on the subject of Bribery
and Corruption.*

CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Article III.

SEC. 29. A member of the General Assembly who shall solicit, demand or receive, or consent to receive, directly or indirectly, for himself or for another, from any company, corporation or person, any money, office, appointment, employment, testimonial, reward, thing of value or enjoyment, or of personal advantage, or promise thereof, for his vote or official influence, or for withholding the same, or with an understanding, expressed or implied, that his vote or official action shall be in any way influenced thereby, or who shall solicit or demand any such money or other advantage, matter or thing aforesaid for another, as the consideration of his vote or official influence, or for withholding the same or shall give or withhold his vote or influence in consideration of the payment or promise of such money, advantage, matter or thing to another, shall be held guilty of bribery within the meaning of this Constitution, and shall incur the disabilities provided thereby for said offense, and such additional punishment as is or shall be provided by law.

Bribery by Members of General Assembly.

Bribery of Members of General Assembly and Officers.

SEC. 30. Any person who shall directly or indirectly offer, give or promise any money, or thing of value, testimonial, privilege or personal advantage to any executive or judicial officer or member of the General Assembly to influence him in the perform of any of his public or official duties, shall be guilty of bribery and shall be punished in such manner as shall be provided by law.

The offence of corrupt solicitation to be punished by fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 31. The offense of corrupt solicitation of members of the General Assembly or of Public Officers of the State or of any municipal division thereof and any occupation or practice of solicitation of such members or officers to influence their official action shall be defined by law and shall be punished by fine and imprisonment.

Witnesses to testify in cases of bribery and solicitation.

SEC. 32. Any person may be compelled to testify in any lawful investigation or judicial proceeding against any person who may be charged with having committed the offense of bribery or corrupt solicitation or practices of solicitation and shall not be permitted to withhold his testimony upon the ground that it may criminate himself or subject him to public infamy, but such testimony shall not afterwards be used against him in any judicial proceeding, except for perjury in giving such testimony and any person convicted of either of the offenses aforesaid shall as part of the punishment therefor, be disqualified from holding any office or position of honor, trust or profit, in this Commonwealth.

Punishment.

Interested Members shall not vote.

SEC. 33. A member who has a personal or private interest in any measure or bill proposed or pending before the General Assembly, shall disclose the fact to the House of which he is a member, and shall not vote thereon.

Article VII.—Oath of Office.

SEC. 1. Senators and Representatives and all judicial, state and county officers, shall, before entering on the duties

of their respective offices, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity; that I have not paid or contributed, or promised to pay or contribute, either directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing to procure my nomination or election (or appointment), except for necessary and proper expenses expressly authorized by law; that I have not knowingly violated any election law of this Commonwealth, or procured it to be done by others in my behalf; that I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing for the performance or non-performance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the compensation allowed by law."

The foregoing oath shall be administered by some person authorized to administer oaths, and in case of state officers and Judges of the Supreme Court, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and in case of other judicial and county officers, in the office of the Prothonotary of the county in which the same is taken; any person refusing to take said oath or affirmation shall forfeit his office; and any person who shall be convicted of having sworn or affirmed falsely, or of having violated said oath or affirmation, shall be guilty of perjury, and be forever disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit within this Commonwealth.

The oath to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be administered by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court or of a Court of Common Pleas, learned in the law, in the hall of the house to which the member shall be elected.—*Con. Pa.*

Laws of the State, Purdon's Digest, pp. 330, 331.

“SEC. 77. If any person shall directly or indirectly or by means of and through any artful and dishonest device whatever give or offer to give any money, goods or other present or reward, or give or make any promise, contract agreement for the payment, delivery or alienation of any money, goods or other bribe, in order to obtain or influence the vote, opinion, verdict, award, judgment, decree or behavior of any member of the General Assembly or any officer of this Commonwealth, Judge, juror, justice, referee or arbitrator in any bill, action, suit, complaint, indictment, controversy, matter or thing whatsoever, depending or which shall depend before him or them, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and to undergo an imprisonment by separate or solitary confinement at labor, not exceeding one year. And the member of Assembly, or office, Judge, juror, justice, referee or arbitrator who shall accept or receive or agree to accept or receive such bribe, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and to undergo an imprisonment by separate or solitary confinement at labor not exceeding five years.

“SEC. 78. No witness shall be excused from testifying in any criminal proceeding, or in any investigation or inquiry before either branch of a General Assembly, or any committee thereof, touching his knowledge of the aforesaid crimes, under any pretense or allegation whatsoever; but the evidence so given, or the facts divulged by him shall not be used against him in any prosecution under this Act: *Provided*, That the accused shall not be convicted on the testimony of an accomplice, unless the same be corroborated by other evidence, or the circumstances of the case.

"SEC. 79. If any elector authorized to vote at any public election, shall directly or indirectly accept or receive from any person, any gift or reward in money, goods or other valuable thing, under an agreement or promise, express or implied, that such elector shall give his vote for any particular candidate or candidates at such election, or shall accept or receive the promises of any person that he shall thereafter receive any gift or reward, in money, goods or other valuable thing, any office, appointment or employment public or private or any personal or pecuniary advantage whatsoever under such an agreement or promise express or implied, such elector shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction of either of the said offences be sentenced to pay a fine, not exceeding one hundred dollars, and undergo an imprisonment, not exceeding six months.

SEC. 80. Any person who shall directly or indirectly, give or offer to give any such gift or reward to any such elector with the intent to induce him to vote for any particular candidate or candidates at such election, or shall, directly or indirectly procure or agree to give any such gift or reward to such elector, with the intent aforesaid, or shall, with the intent to influence or intimidate such elector to give his vote for any particular candidate or candidates at such election, give, offer or promise to give such elector any office, place, appointment or employment or threaten such elector with dismissal or discharge from any office, place, appointment or employment, public or private, then held by him, in case of his refusal to vote for any particular candidate or candidates at such election, the person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and undergo an imprisonment not exceeding two years."—*Purdon's Digest*, pp. 330, 331.

NOTICE.—The facts of any Bribery or Corruption or attempts at the same by or through any Committees as to the \$4,000,000 Bill for Riot damages at Pittsburg or otherwise, will be laid before the Governor on the passage of any such Bill and any person having voted for the Bill for illegal considerations will be prosecuted.

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